

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

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County Executive's Office:

A Spanish translation of the County Executive's Town Hall is now available at www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus (*Transcripción española*).

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting 93 reported positive cases of COVID-19 and 2 deaths. Twenty (20) cases have recovered. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Other health updates:

• There are many rumors circulating about COVID-19 cases in local stores. Frederick County currently has sustained community spread. Everyone is at risk for COVID-19, and everyone needs to stay at home and take precautions.

Family Partnership:

The Family Partnership of Frederick County office is currently closed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Staff are working remotely and are able to continue providing services to our families and youth. The services that are being launched virtually include: home visiting, GED classes, ESL classes, Employment, and Life Skills. Parenting, child development, and health education will be also be virtual very soon. Please contact us at 301-600-2206, fampart@frederickcountymd.gov or message us on Facebook.com/FamilyPartnership of Frederick County. Participants may also contact their Case Manager directly. Family Partnership posts updated information about its center and programming on Facebook and Instagram.

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Fort Detrick:

Fort Detrick has begun asking all delivery drivers and visitors questions related to current health and exposure risk. If they answer yes to any of them, they are not permitted on the installation. This occurs at the vehicle inspection area at Nallin Farm Gate off Oppossumtown Road, which is the 24/7 gate.

Workforce Services:

Frederick County Workforce Services Helps Citizens Who Are Unemployed

In these uncertain times, Frederick County Workforce Services is more committed than ever to supporting local job seekers and businesses.

For those who have recently lost a job, there are many helpful resources available through www.FrederickWORKS.com. Visitors can access the latest Unemployment Insurance information, current job openings, job search workshop presentation materials, career planning resources, work from home opportunities, professional advice, and more.

Many in-person services, such as resume reviews and practice interviews, are now available for job seekers to access remotely, with new resources to be added in the days and weeks ahead.

The Ask the Career Coach podcast from Frederick County Workforce Services has dropped new episodes over the past few weeks pertaining specifically to employment-related challenges as a result of the current global health crisis. This podcast is available for free on all major listening platforms.

Frederick County businesses can get all the latest updates, from grant opportunities to details about the stimulus package, through our website and social media platforms. For businesses that are closing or experiencing reductions in staffing, guidance is available to help make the process as smooth as possible. Frederick County Workforce Services is continuing to support local businesses and industries that are still in need of local talent.

The Maryland Department of Labor has also announced an updated process for filing Unemployment Insurance benefit claims, effective on Wednesday, April 1, 2020: https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml.

For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- City of Frederick: //cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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